



social club

Where has the time gone? It's that time of year again when our friends and neighbors are thinking of heading back north. Things will slow down for a few months giving us time to get a little R&R, and recharge our batteries before the start of another busy Japanese Gardens social season. Let me wish all of you a safe and healthy summer. Come back to us healthy and happy next fall.

Our Mardi Gras dance was a big success. There were costumes, beads and good times. Jay Smith provided some great entertainment. The Pot Luck supper went super again. The sign-up sheets are filling in one or two days. Could it have something to do with the quality entertainment Wes has provided this year? Wes, thanks for a job well done.

The March Pancake served almost 400 people. Great turn out. Sorry I missed it but as most of you know Patty and I have both been a little under the weather.

Casino Night was a success again this year. Attendance was down a little but those of us who were there had a night of fun and we even made a few bucks. Due to the low attendance, Charlie Patterson and Charlie Lain are thinking of taking a year off.

COMING UP:

April 1, Jeff Lamb will entertain us. April 3. Will be the last Pancake Breakfast of the season. Let's all try to attend.

April 8, The Japanese Gardens Birthday celebration picnic. Get your tickets from Joanne St.Amand.

We held our election of officers at the March meeting. Your officers for the next year will be, President; Charlie Lain & Patty DeMey, Vice President; Wes Sargent, Secretary; Denise Wortz and Treasurer; Ellie Marino. Please make the new executive committee feel welcome. They have a big job ahead of them

Lastly as I fade slowly into the sunset. Let me say it has been an honor and a privilege to

serve as the Social Club president for the last three years. I'd like to thank my executive committee who has been with me for most of the time. We did a few things and failed to do a few things but we kept things interesting. I'd like to thank everyone who has made my job as easy as it has been, but I'm afraid I'd leave out some one. You are the greatest. A special thank you to my wife Patsy for putting up with me and for all of her help over the last four years. There is no way I could have done the job I've done without her.

Chuck Hulbert
President

Thank You

The family of Bob Darcangelo would like to thank all our friends for all the cards they sent during Bob's hospitalization and at his death. Thank You.

Sincerely Peggy Darcangelo

Thank you to all my wonderful friends for the cards, meals and visits after my recent foot surgery. I am very humbled by your many kindnesses. Japanese Gardens is truly a joyful place to live.

Love, Sheila Hird

Thanks for all the PRAYERS, cards, calls, remembrances, love and concern during my rehabilitation following a broken hip. They truly were appreciated.

George Hopkins

Thank you to all the friends and neighbors who sent cards, stopped by to visit and brought goodies to us after my hip replacement surgery.

Bob Lawrence

I can't begin to thank everyone for the pleasure I have received this past year from all of you in Japanese Gardens. You made our 60th Anniversary and my 80th Birthday days of joy that I will never forget. Your personal notes and cards mean so very much and I love you all.

May God bless you all as you have blessed me with your presence in my life. I'm sure Don would echo these thoughts if he could.

Jan Shryock

Thanks to all the J. Gers who helped us so much in so many ways in our hour of need. Bless you all – and a special blessing to all who donate blood. John received seven units in his first trip to the hospital. Again thank you, thank you.

Ally and John Taylor

Thank you to the Japanese Gardens Community from Michaelsen/Taylor Families

A big heartfelt thank you from John & Ally Taylor's children to the Japanese Gardens community for their care and concern during these past few weeks. What could have easily become a catastrophic series of events – Ally's unexpected illness on the heels of John's surgery – was instead an amazing coming together of friends and neighbors stepping in to help and comfort, cook and clean, keep us informed and do whatever was needed to keep Ally and John on the road

to recovery. We especially want to recognize Diane Connolly for her 'round the clock nursing care and Ken Connolly for getting John home and settled that first awful weekend. You both went above and beyond and we are forever in your debt.

We also want to give special mention to everyone who took a turn at "Taylor Watch" so our parents didn't have to worry about meals or meds or getting to the doctor when they needed to. Janice Coble, Roger & Lynn Crowe, Marnee Foster, Janet Haapala, Chuck & Patty Hulbert & sister Dottie, Jim Marsden, Bob & Barbara Monte, Ken & Ann Przekurat, Lona Spongberg, Bob & Donna Tilton, Sharon & John Williams and Fern Wolfe.

We thank you all for being a community who really does care about each other and for taking such good care of Ally and John.

Barbara, Cheryl, Chris, Deborah, Gregg & John, Jr.

More Thanks

WOW –THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU –for the visits, prayers, food, calls, cards and kind thoughts after my partial knee replacement surgery. You all were wonderful !!!

Betty Reznicek

A special thank you to all the volunteers that helped on "Casino Night." The event, although lightly attended, was a success. We realized \$300. which went into the Social Club treasury for your benefit.

If this event is to continue next year, we need to have someone step forward to head it up.

Co-Chairs

Bill Gledhill

Charlie Lain

Charlie Patterson

Japanese Gardens Residents,

I wish to thank all of you for your support you have given me during this election. I will do my very best to represent you as a Board Member.

Many thanks, Joanne St. Amand

I would like to thank all the folks who supported me to a successful election for the Board of Directors.

John Fruci

Anniversary

Ron and I are celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary on April 2, 2010 ...Good Friday ...

God blessed us indeed !



Deceased

Larry Love

Japanese Gardens Women's Club

April 2010

Schedule

- April 6 Business Meeting - Final Meeting
(Installation of new officers)
- April 13 Bon Voyage Social - Nancy Tenney and Dodi Lain
Last event of the season
Hawaiiin theme. Dress appropriately if desired.
Come for fun and games, prizes, ice cream !

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Project Pantry

As you prepare to leave Japanese Gardens and go home, remember

PROJECT PANTRY

would welcome any unopened food items, canned goods, cleaning supplies and toilet articles. They will be taken to Community Care and Share Pantry at Trinity Presbyterian Church on 776 for distribution to the needy. Over 7,000 persons have been helped and this number has steadily grown in the past months.

(They also accept clean, lightly worn clothing.) Put items in marked containers in Clubhouse or call Jan Shryock for pick up.

Thank you for caring and sharing – and hurry back.

Jan Shryock

*Be who you are and say what you feel . . .
Because those that matter . . . don't mind . . .
And those that mind . . . don't matter!*

(Internet)

Health Lines

April, 2010

Prevention and early detection are key to Liver Disease

The liver may be one of the most unappreciated major organs. It performs its quiet work without drawing too much attention to itself. Without a working liver, your body cannot function. So when it comes to keeping your liver healthy, prevention and early detection are key.

A few of your liver's major functions are:

1. Metabolizing your food into energy –

Your body uses the food you eat for 2 things – energy and as building blocks for making complex chemical compounds. It takes the 3 basic food types you eat – carbohydrates, fats and proteins plus vitamins and minerals which converts them to useable various functions in your body.

For example:

- a.) Helps regulate blood sugar levels
 - b.) Converts fats
 - c.) Converts cholesterol
 - d.) Stores Vitamins
 - e.) Stores Iron
 - f.) Metabolizes Hormones
 - g.) Forms important blood Proteins
2. Detoxifying your body – by removing potentially harmful substances before they can do damage
3. Producing Bile - which breaks down food particles into a form for better absorption for digestion or elimination.

Prevention

Alcohol induced damage in excess can be very harmful and can lead to abuse and dependence. Alcoholic liver disease is associated with more than 3 drinks a day for men and 2 drinks per day for women.

Viral Infections – Hepatitis A,B,C,D & E affect the liver.

Drug induced liver injury – caused by inappropriately high doses of a drug.

Hereditary Problems such as Hemochromatosis – secondary Hemochromatosis caused by Anemia, alcoholism and other disorders.

Vaccinations- for Hepatitis A & B when at risk of exposure.

Symptoms of Liver disease:

1. Fatigue

2. General feeling of weakness (malaise)
3. Loss of appetite
4. Mild weight loss
5. Nausea
6. Fever
7. Abdominal pain
8. Dark colored urine
9. Bowel movements that may be light colored, bloody or black
10. Fluid retention
11. Severe itching

Mayo Clinic Health Letter
Helen Haggerty

Reminder –

Next Blood Pressure Clinic – April 1, 9-11 a.m.

FROM THE BOOK NOOK

Another winter season is coming to a close, and the library committee hopes that you have enjoyed the many books and DVDs offered in our library this winter. We surely had enough colder, cloudier days to keep us indoors this season and many of us were happy to have a good book or movie to enjoy. So before you leave Japanese Gardens for the summer, PLEASE check your homes and DVD players for any items that belong to the library, and return them to the green drop box. We really appreciate your co-operation in this important part of using our library.

Thank you so much to Social Club, Women's Club and all of our residents who have been so generous in donating money to continue our purchasing of the newest books on the market, and all of you who have donated books or DVDs to add to our well stocked shelves. We truly appreciate all of this help that makes our library the best in a private community like ours.

I also want to extend a big thank you to the ladies who work in our library daily to keep it in such good order. They are: Caroline Benson, Georgina Bowser, Noreen Bachorski, Jane Garanzini, Shirley Nieters, Marilyn Purcell, Lynda Tunberg, Mae Verner, and Mary Lou Whelan. Also a huge thank you to Ann Favreau who kept the library in excellent shape all summer long, and helped throughout the winter. Ann has moved from our park and we will miss her very much.

For all who are leaving our park for the season, drive carefully and have a wonderful summer. For those who stay in Japanese Gardens, continue to enjoy the library and we will look forward to joining you all again in the fall. Many good wishes from the library committee.

Pat Neuzerling
Library Committee President



Easter Sunrise Service

*April 4th at 7 o'clock a.m.
Clubhouse*

Please come and join us as we worship together.

Refreshments after the Service.

*As in the past, Judy & Bill Peters will deliver Lilies
to our shut-ins.*

Jan Shryock, Park Chaplain

**NEW 2010-2011
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
CLOSING DATE – MAY 1, 2010**

New Residents

We are happy to welcome our new residents to Japanese Gardens

Gerald Wilson and Nick & Bennie Rogers

" I smile because I am your friend !

I laugh because there is nothing you can do about it ! "

Japanese Gardens Chorus

Another great show was had by all recalling some of our favorite show numbers from our eleven years of past shows. We hope we brought back some of your memorable ones to enjoy again. The audience was well attended each night which included our loyal visitors every year from the assisted living facility Bella Vita, as well as attendees from surrounding area parks.

The Chorus, in appreciation, extends a warm "thank you" to everyone for your kind donations which will go towards next year's show. It was always Bob Cody's intention the Chorus not charge admission because it is a gift to the Park and we will still hold to his request.

We strive to maintain a high quality show for your pleasure and enjoyment and appreciate the support in attending the shows.

We look forward to next year in seeing everyone again with another show theme.

Charmaine Morse
Music Director

Reminder: Please join us April 4th for our annual Easter Sunrise Service when we change from a Chorus to a Heavenly Choir.

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Let's Dance

Another season is nearing its end. Our last classes will be on April 16th. Come and check us out before we stop our dance classes for the summer. Remember, it's good exercise and we'd love to have you join us.

*Remember – Friday ~ 10:15 Line Dancing
11:30 Tap Dancing
Tuesday ~ 1:30 Tap Dancing*

See you in class, Nancy Tenney

Japanese Gardens 30th Anniversary Picnic

April 8th, 2010

Time : 3 P.M. – 6 P.M.

\$9.00 Per Person

Pulled Pork or Pulled Chicken Sandwich
Macaroni Salad – Cole Slaw – Chips – Soda
Dessert (Anniversary Cake)

Ticket required to be served.

Happy Hour 3:00 P.M.

Serving 4:00 P.M.

Door Prize Drawing 5:00 P.M.

To Purchase Tickets, Contact
Art & Joanne St Amand

Cut-off Date April 2nd, 2010

pancake breakfast

March breakfast was another successful social event. We had 350 early ticket sales and another 34 at the door, almost the same as in February, so we were able to deposit \$1,019.00 in the Social Club. Thank you all for your support by attending.

Again, we know there are many of our neighbors who don't feel able to attend the Pancake Breakfast Socials because of the limited parking. Three couples who own four passenger golf carts have volunteered to pick up anyone who is limited in walking and will take them to the Clubhouse. If you are unable to attend Breakfast because of mobility problems please call Jean Schoener for an appointment starting at 8 am on Saturday April 3. We will have reserved a table by the door for you. Then one hour later your driver will pick you up and take you home.

April 3 is our last Pancake Breakfast Social for the season. This is the day before Easter so we will be in Spring pastel colors with flowers. If the ladies attending have an Easter Bonnet that you would like to wear we would love to see them.

We hope to see many of our friends and perhaps some visitors so we can wish everyone a *Happy Easter*.

Cindy Hammerschmidt

Disaster Preparedness Committee – APRIL REMINDERS

PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS – oxygen, wheelchair dependent, dialysis, etc. should contact Sarasota County to get on the list of persons who will go to Special Needs Shelters in the event of an evacuation. If you are already registered, you do not need to re-register, however if your condition/needs have changed, that should be communicated.

CALL 861-5000 to register before June 1, or get the Registration Form from the JG Office. It can be faxed to the County. You will receive instructions specific to your situation.

PERSONS LEAVING THE PARK – Please leave your home and property “Hurricane Ready” and leave written instructions regarding how to turn off your gas and electric power. Let the office know how you can be reached in case of an emergency. Remember that in the case of a disaster in JG, news will be made available as quickly as possible on www.myjapanesegardens.com. If you need the ID and Password, check the Introduction: Highlights of the Disaster Preparedness Guide, Section: Communication in a disaster. Don’t forget to take your Florida Home Inventory (including photos or video) and Insurance information with you.

PERSONS STAYING IN THE PARK – Your homes and property will also need to be “Hurricane Ready” anytime that you are away for more than 3 days during Hurricane Season. We suggest that you gather all that is needed for an evacuation and recovery period before June 1 (See Disaster Kit Checklist), review your disaster plan with your family, make sure all necessary documentation and medications are available to take at a moments notice, and then relax until there is news of an approaching hurricane or tropical storm. You will not need to panic, because your plan is already mostly in place.

IF you plan to go to a hotel during an evacuation:

-Make sure the hotel was constructed after 2002 and is in compliance with hurricane safety standards, has reinforced glass windows and that staff will be at the hotel during a disaster to assist you.

If there is a need to evacuate from the South West Coast, use alternate routes:

EMS suggests taking local roads to SR 72 to SR 70 to SR27 North or

Go East on SR64 to SR27 North towards Ocala. Check Florida maps

NOTE - I 75 and I 4 are likely to be “parking lots”.

Stay Safe and Happy!

Your DPC



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Something to think about *(from the internet)*

The second day of a diet is much easier than the first, because that is when you quit.....Have you ever had your foot fall asleep during the day, and then keep you up at night?.....The difference between Congress and ex-cons is that ex-cons occasionally pass a few good bills.....Did you hear about the environmentalist who was so into recycling he would only marry a woman who had been married before?.....How do you tell when you run out of invisible ink?.....Next time someone tells

you that you eat like a bird, remember a bird eats four times it's weight every day.....Sign in a Veterinarian's office: "Back in 10 minutes. Sit! Stay !".....Sign in a Podiatrist's office: "Time Wounds All Heels"....

Moving With Muriel In The Morning

Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Clubhouse

From 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Bring weights and floor mat

Muriel Smith

LADIES THURSDAY AFTERNOON BRIDGE

*Ladies Bridge will be held Thursday afternoons at 1.00 in the Clubhouse.
(50 cents to play).*

*Renters and guests are most welcome.
Please give me call so I can get our tables arranged.
Thanks a lot.*

Georgina Bowser

The English language - you think it's easy to learn ?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. - English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France - Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly - boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

Why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? - One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? - One index, 2 indices? - Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? - If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

Hand 'n Foot Cards!

If you enjoy the game we plan to play approximately every other Friday night in the Club House next season.

Our first meeting will be November 12, 2010 at 7:00p.m. Plan to come with or without a partner and we will try to pair you up with someone. The first night we will agree on a set of rules. We are signed up for 9 nights: 11-12, 11-26 and 12-10, 2010. In 2011 we have signed up for the Club House on 1-14 and 1-28: 2-11 and 2-25: 3-11 and 3-25, 2011.

We plan to play 4 hands and then change to another table for another 4 hands with new opponents. If we have 10 tables, 40 people. It will be a lot of fun. If you don't return until after the Holidays you can join us in January.

We will have another notice in the October Socialite.

Cindy Hammerschmidt

Geisha Sisters

I am happy to announce that we have a new Queen Mother and Vice Queen Ro Cipra as Queen and Jean Ryder as Vice Queen and that we will continue to enjoy great outings.

Have a nice Easter

Love, Pat Clifford



Sewing and Quilting

*Sessions are held each Monday from 10:15 A.M. 'till 1:00 P.M.
Beginners and experienced sewers and quilters are very welcome
to join us.*

Bring your own lunch, hot tea is ready at noon!

Fran Martin, Margaret Koenig and Pat Jones

Birthdays are good for you, the more you have, the longer you live!

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour!

Trees and Grounds

The committee would like to thank the men who helped plant the many plants needed to improve the appearance of the Clubhouse, Shuffleboard and Teahouse common areas. Charlie Lain headed up a crew including Ron Flurschutz, Sanford Swiggum, Wes Sargent, Pete Webber, and Alex Garanzini. And after the plants went in, the following crew worked to prepare the surrounding beds for mulch: Bob Rainer, Frank Sherman, Dick Dyer, Greg Chiasson, Charlie Lain and Ron Kelly. Thanks for all your help !

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The last of this season's trees were planted and the community is looking leafier and beginning to green up. We have had too much brown this season but a summer of rain and shedding of dead foliage should help the Park to look much better by the time we return in the fall. Let's hope we don't have another winter like this one for a LONG time.

Patty DeMey

sunday special bingo

Where oh where did the season go? With the unusual weather pattern we had this season, it seems that the season has just flown by. The last Sunday Bingo will be held on April 18th at 2 PM. We have 10 Fun Bingo games and 1 extra coverall Bingo.

Come join in the fun and perhaps take home some extra "CASH".

The more players, the BIGGER PAYOUTS. See you at the Clubhouse for some exciting Bingo.

Dolores A. Santos-Coull

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Lunch Bunch

May 11th - Noon at Howards in Englewood

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*** Another Big Thanks to my good friend, Bert Newell,
who proof-reads for me year after year !!!

Dee-s Cue Tees

What exciting and close matches we had this season. I still do not know who will be the winner of Flight #1. There will be a playoff between the two top players. Muriel Smith with 6 wins and 1 loss and Peg Moses also with 6 wins and 1 loss. I also want to give mention to two players that had 5 wins and 2 losses and they are Carol Parker and Carol Wozniak. All the players in both Flight #1 divisions played great matches.

In Flight #2, we have a winner with 6 wins and 1 loss, Carol Lawler. Following with 5 wins and 2 losses is Angeline Cortis. All the players in Flight #2 did a great job and played some close matches.

This year was one with a lot of changes due to health problems but we did end up completing all the matches and having a fun season. As always, any lady interested in learning how to play pool, please come in and join in on the fun. We always need new players and I do enjoy teaching the fun of "Playing Pool".

Dee Coull

Horseshoes

Residents and Renters are invited to pitch Horseshoes

On Thursday afternoons at 3:00 P.M.

And on Saturday mornings at 9:00 A.M.

Horseshoe pits are located next to and to the rear of the
Shuffleboard Courts.

Rick Burger

Men's Tuesday Golf League

We will end the "season" on Tuesday, March 30, but will continue to play into April as long as we have enough interest and players. We will continue to meet at 9:30 and should be able to tee off shortly after that time.

I would like to thank all of you who braved frigid weather and gale-force winds to play golf. Remember you did it for fun and camaraderie as well as your morning exercise!

Besides, the weather provided excellent excuses for our golf scores!

Thanks to all for a successful season. Drive carefully and have a safe trip North.

Bowling

Bowling Banquet is being held at the Clubhouse
on April 9, 2010 starting at 5:30 P.M.

Carolyn Brown, President

Just want to thank you all for a great season, and hope to see you all at the banquet April 9th ! If you cannot attend, please send me your addresses up north to send your awards to you. Remember we still will bowl every Wednesday at 12:30 all year !

Anyone NOT BOWLING next year please notify me.

Jean Ryder

JUNKTIQUE 2011

Monday morning at the sheds was a great success again this year. Thanks to all who volunteered as always, it wouldn't be a sale without all the help.

All of the activity of JUNKTIQUE cannot happen without donations from you. Please keep our program in mind when you are replacing or upgrading furniture in your house or permanently moving back up north before discarding or giving to an outside source.

Call the Roy's or Jim Pendleton .

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The English language - you think it's easy to learn ?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites ? - You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all !

That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

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WINTER AND SUMMER SECURITY

Just a note to let you know that I am now the new Winter Security Director, replacing Ray Favreau who did such a fine job for many years. Summer co-directors are: Bob Tilton, Ken Schoener and Ken Przekurat. These are the people you should direct any questions to during the summer months (May thru Sept.).

With the season coming to an end - a reminder to all to lock your home, sheds, cars you leave behind and put away anything outside that may "blow away".

Help with the nightly patrols is much needed during the summer when "the rest of us" go back north - so please, give some thought about helping your community in this way. If you have never done it before, anyone of the above will be glad to walk thru' with you the first time, give you an instruction sheet and answer any questions. If you feel "you've been there, done that" please rethink - as your help in keeping our community safe and sound and avoiding any potential trouble is very much needed and appreciated - step up and sign up on the calendar sheet in the clubhouse. Stay safe, remember to lock up and call 911 in any emergency situation.

Bob Bachorski

Winter Security Director

Put your car keys beside your bed at night *(from the Internet)*

Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents, your Dr's office, the check-out girl at the market, everyone you run across. Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

Would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. My Mom has suggested to my Dad that he carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and she doesn't hear him. He can activate the car alarm and then she'll know there's a problem.

Japanese Gardens Realty, Inc.

The new officers of the Realty Board are:

President - Dom DeCecco
Vice- President - Gary Jones
Secretary - Alex Garanzini
Treasurer - Joe Bresnahan
At-Large - Joanne St Amand

This month's topic will focus on what the Realty Board does before and after your unit is rented.

- 1) When you list your property for rent, we put it on our web site with pictures of the unit
- 2) The unit is then inspected and arrangements made to have it cleaned before the rental date.
- 3) During the cleaning process, the appliances are checked, and the water is turned on.
- 4) An inventory check list of all items in the unit is done. Every room and the shed is inventoried before the renter arrives. If there is something missing, like a coffee pot, the owner is contacted and arrangements made to put one in. This inventory is done to make sure everything a renter would need is in the unit and also to protect the owner, should something be missing at the final inventory.
- 5) We pay all taxes including a county sales tax and a tourist tax.
- 6) We handle all problems which might arise during the renter's stay
- 7) We arrange to have the unit inventoried and cleaned when the renters leave.
- 8) Before the unit is rented, a background check is done on the renters.

All of these precautions are done in order to make the stay for our renters as pleasant as possible. Remember, they are on vacation and expect to have a care-free stay while here.

Last year rental income generated approximately \$15,000 for the park, so please be welcoming to our renters!

Dom DeCecco, President, Realty Board

PRESIDENTS NOTES – April, 2010

1. Board Members -This year's election resulted in the change of two new members being elected. Joanne St.Amand and John Fruci. I want to say congratulations and welcome. Also THANK YOU to both Howard "Scotty" Scott and Chuck Walczak for all their efforts over the years and their knowledge and experience will be missed by us all.
2. Committees – Japanese Gardens has a list of working committees. If you would like to get involved on any of them just call or see me or any chairman and we would be glad to bring you on board and share your talents.
3. Golf Carts/Motor Scooters – We have been advised by both our Attorney and Insurance Agency that all owners of golf carts and unlicensed scooters should check with their insurance carrier to make sure their policy covers the use of the carts and scooters in the park. It is highly recommended that insurance be carried. Remember to register them at the office.
4. Hurricane Season - Before leaving to go up North for the summer, remember to put away all your outside furniture. Barbecue grill, hoses, pots and anything else you have that could be picked up and sent flying.
5. Summer Maintenance - Please make sure you have in place someone to weed your flower and shrub beds, mow your lawn and most importantly pickup your falling fruit from citrus trees.

Have a safe trip back up north and hopefully a nice warm summer.

Larry Roy

